

sought refuge at Faith House. During her time with the Faith House, it was recognized as one of the top five model shelters in the country by the Homeless in America Project. Even today Ms. Citron remains in touch with many of those she helped through the Faith House and often provides them with necessities.

In the late 1980s, Ms. Citron founded two non-profit organizations that have done immeasurable good for Acadiana. Foodnet was created in 1987. Foodnet provides food and necessities for lower income residents in Acadiana's eight parishes. During its eighteen years of existence, Foodnet has collected over 30,000 tons of food for the thirty food distribution agencies it supports. In 1989 Ms. Citron also founded Project RX, a program which provides free prescription drugs for those in financial distress. Today, this organization helps hundreds of needy obtain important and critical medications.

In recognition of her service, Ms. Citron has received numerous service awards. In 1990 she was named Outstanding Woman by the Business and Professional Women Association. She was then named Rotarian of the Year in 1991. Ms. Citron has also been awarded the Lafayette Civic Cup. Though she has received so much deserved notice of her great service, Ms. Citron nonetheless prefers to remain in the background of her organizations. She works not for public recognition but rather solely for the public good. I applaud Ms. Citron's work and commend the shining example of personal charity and kindness she sets for Acadiana.

CHINA'S ANTI-SECESSION TARGETING DEMOCRATIC TAIWAN

HON. STEVAN PEARCE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. PEARCE. Mr. Speaker, on March 14, China's unelected Parliament passed its Anti-Secession Law targeted at Taiwan. Later that month, Taiwanese citizens took to the streets protesting the law, while senior U.S. administration officials and U.S. Congress repeatedly and on many occasions expressed their grave concern regarding the passage of the Chinese legislation. The European Union has also decided not to lift its arms embargo against China at this time.

Clearly, the Chinese anti-secession legislation has impeded cross-strait dialogue, threatened peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region and, more importantly, allowed the world to see the true nature of the Chinese Communist Party. It is a party that hasn't changed much from the days of the Tiananmen massacre in 1989.

Indeed, despite China's recent economic growth and prosperity, China remains authoritarian. The Chinese Communist Party is the supreme source of power. Human rights violations are widespread, stemming from the authorities' intolerance of dissent, fear of unrest, and the absence of laws protecting basic freedoms. Abuses include torture and mistreatment of prisoners, forced confessions, and arbitrary and lengthy incommunicado detention. Prison conditions are harsh. The government has placed severe restrictions on freedom of speech, the press, assembly, association, reli-

gion and privacy. In many cases, the judicial system denies criminal defendants basic legal safeguards and due process. Thousands of people are detained or serving sentences for "counterrevolutionary crimes" or "crimes against the state," including those arrested for issuing petitions or open letters calling for reforms and greater democracy.

For the sake of peace and stability in the Asian-Pacific region, especially in the Taiwan Strait, I therefore urge President Hu Jin-tao to rescind the Anti-Secession Law and improve China's dismal human rights record. As a start, China should censure its bloody Tiananmen crackdown, reverse its verdict on June 4th and release the more than 250 political prisoners jailed for their involvement in the 1989 pro-democracy movement.

China's Anti-Secession Law and human rights abuses need to be recognized by the world for what they are: antiquated measures to impose China's rule on its neighbor and its own people. If China wants to be recognized as a world power, it must act responsibly in a peaceful solution to the Taiwan issue and correcting human rights at home.

RECOGNIZING THE SPRINGVILLE- GRIFFITH INSTITUTE AND SPRINGFIELD-GRIFFITH INSTITUTE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ON 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the Springville-Griffith Institute and Springville-Griffith Institute Central School District on the occasion of its 175th Anniversary. As a proud graduate of Springville-Griffith Institute, I know firsthand the dedication that the teachers, administrators and staff bring to providing a top-notch education for their students.

Springville Academy was organized in 1825. After Dewitt Clinton penned the school's incorporation in 1827, it opened its doors in 1830, making it the first high school in Erie County. The original school building was a modest one, with most of the funds used to build the school coming from community donations.

From the time of its inception, Springville Academy became an educational cornerstone of both Springville and Western New York, drawing students from all across the region. By 1849, there were 110 boys and 100 girls attending the school. In 1867, the school became known as the Griffith Institute in recognition of a scholarship gift from Archibald Griffith. As the years passed, the school and its student population grew, as did its reputation for providing a quality education. Today, the district boasts an enrollment of over 2,300 students.

Over the past 175 years, the Springville-Griffith Institute has touched the lives of thousands of students, their families, our community and our nation. Notable graduates of the school include: author and statesmen Clark E. Carr, who suggested that his close friend, President Abraham Lincoln, be invited to speak at Gettysburg; Ralph B. Waite, who brought the world "painless dentistry" through the introduction of Novocain; and Glen S.

"Pop" Warner, the man who introduced protective padding, numbered plays and jerseys, and who pioneered the forward pass, spiral, forever changing the game of football.

Schools are cornerstones of our communities, and nowhere is that more true than in Springville, New York. Throughout its history, the Griffith Institute's staff—past and present—have helped shape and positively influence thousands of local students, and continue to do so today. We in Western New York appreciate all that the Springville-Griffith Institute has done to educate generations of children, and we hope for many more successful years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Springville Academy, Griffith Institute, and Springville-Griffith Institute Central School District.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1268, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DE- FENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND TSUNAMI RELIEF ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2005

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, every member of this House supports providing our troops, their families and the veterans who have returned from service in Iraq and Afghanistan. The on-going wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as other active military and intelligence operations in other countries require planning, budgeting and congressional oversight to ensure the best and most effective use of taxpayer dollars in order to keep our troops and all Americans safe and protected.

Unfortunately, the Conference Agreement on the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriation, H.R. 1268, is a testament to poor planning, the complete absence of competent budgeting and, worst of all, the exploitation by this Congress of the needs of our troops to pass a grab bag of political pork and exploitive public policy. To add insult to injury, every dollar in this \$82 billion bill is borrowed and will be added to our nation's debt—eventually paid for by future generations.

My vote against this bill is a reflection of the inept, incompetent and deliberately misleading policies of the Bush Administration and the Republican controlled Congress. At every point in this war in Iraq, from pre-emptive war to the on-going occupation, there has been a shameless disregard for honesty and a complete failure of meaningful, constructive congressional oversight. With, almost 1,700 lives lost, thousands wounded, some \$212 billion spent in Iraq and at least \$65 billion spent in Afghanistan to date, Americans should expect Congress to be engaged and conducting vigorous oversight, not playing political games.

Where is the courage, or at least the outrage, among members of this House to stand up and say enough is enough. Let us pass an appropriations bill to provide the courageous U.S. servicemen and women risking their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan with the tools to protect themselves, achieve their mission and